

CITY OF GREENBELT
ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Approved September 22, 2020

Tuesday, June 23, 2020. The meeting was held via Zoom, and presided over by Chair, Melinda Brady. The meeting started at 7:03pm.

PRESENT

ACE: Janet Mirsky, Leta Mach, Kate McElhenny, Melinda Brady, Don Rich, Jon Gardner, Gordon Gainer, Sudhansu Sinha, and Elsie Waynes.

ABSENT:

ACE: Absent: Veronica Martin-Alston

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Minutes of the May meeting had not been sent out. Approval of May minutes will be discussed during the August meeting.

Jon Gardner tested the ACE email list, and thinks it is not reliably delivering email to those in ACE. Melinda Brady sent out another test email during the meeting and all present received the email. Melinda will email Beverly Palau regarding the list.

STUDENT AWARDS

There were some problems with nominations from two of the Greenbelt schools. At Greenbelt Middle School, three (instead of the requested two) students were notified of being nominated for ACE student awards. It was decided to make an exception this year and award an extra student at GMS. All of the students' families have already been informed.

Magnolia Elementary School sent nominees at the last minute but neither nominee lives in Greenbelt. The committee discussed what should be done about the MES students since only Greenbelt residents are eligible for the awards. Given the unusual circumstances, it was understood that due diligence was difficult this year. After much discussion, it was decided that the MES students should not be considered for awards since they are not eligible. Melinda Brady said she would contact Liz Park to have letters sent to the parents and students explaining the situation.

The awards will involve reading the senior nominations and reading the names of the other awardees during a City Council meeting via Zoom. Jon Gardner added that maybe we could read a sentence or two about the non senior awardees. The next City Council meeting is July 13th. Melinda Brady will do the presentation. Jon Gardner volunteered to collect and edit the one or two sentences, and agreed to keep the script short. Melinda Brady relayed that Liz had left them instructions as to how to get on City Council's agenda. Jon Gardner said this should be a lesson for next year, to get started early. Sudhansu added that we should add a buffer of two weeks for school communication.

ELECTIONS

Janet is willing to stay as treasurer, Melinda is willing to continue as chair Gordon volunteered himself to be Vice Chair. Melinda called to approve the slate. Slate was approved unanimously.

CLUBS AND GRANTS

Jon emailed all grantees regarding an extension, some being their second extension. Contact information may be inaccurate by next year.

ALL OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEXT MEETING

The next gathering will be August 25th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.